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**NORTH CAROLINA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ATTEMPTED
BANK ROBBERY AND POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office of the FBI Kenneth W. Kaiser, Hampton Falls Police Chief Robbie E. Dirs, and Kensington Police Chief Wayne M. Sheehan, today announced that Brian Dorman, 24, of North Carolina, pleaded guilty to one count of attempted bank robbery and one count of possessing a short-barreled rifle. The charges relate to the October 15, 2003, attempted robbery of the Citizens Bank, 81 Lafayette Road, Hampton Falls, New Hampshire.

On October 14 and 15, 2003, Brian Dorman entered the Citizens Bank, 81 Lafayette Road, Hampton Falls, New Hampshire and spoke to the tellers and the bank manager. The bank employees were not aware that Dorman was carrying a replica handgun and possessed a robbery note that read "I have a gun. Give me \$8,000 now. Hit the alarm before (sic) I walk out the door I will shoot." Dorman left the bank without committing the robbery.

Dorman was arrested as he walked back to a stolen 1993 Chevrolet Lumina. A search of the Lumina revealed a rifle with a barrel shortened to seven inches. According to the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, the firearm was not registered to Dorman.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for May 28, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the United States District Court in Concord. Dorman faces a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years for the attempted bank robbery and ten years for the illegal possession of a firearm.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "The quick and decisive investigation actions taken by the Hampton Falls Police Department and the Kensington Police Department helped solve another potentially violent crime and removed a dangerous firearm from our streets. I applaud the efforts of those departments and the Federal Bureau of Investigation which made this case possible. The joint efforts of local and federal law enforcement officials shows that Project Safe Neighborhoods is an effective and successful program."

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Don Feith.